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## **Statement by Secretary of State Bruce McPherson**

"Today, as the Legislature reconvenes after its summer recess, one of their top priorities should be to reimburse the counties for costs accrued during the 2005 Special Statewide Election.

"I am sponsoring Assembly Bill 1634 by Assemblyman McCarthy, which would provide more than \$38 million in needed funding relief to fully reimburse counties.

"When the Special Election was called, I recommended that the language in the proclamation include a provision for full reimbursement to the counties for their actual costs to conduct the election. Allocating these necessary funds will have no effect on current or future state budgets, as the funds to reimburse all 58 counties were identified in the 2005-2006 budget. AB 1634 provides California counties more than \$38 million for their Special Election costs.

"It is imperative that California's counties be made whole with passage of AB 1634, to eliminate potential need to cut other essential services they provide, such as public safety, infrastructure needs and healthcare.

"I call upon the Legislature and the Governor to work together to pass AB 1634 this month and send much needed and overdue funding to our counties."

[Click here to see how much each of California 's 58 counties will receive with passage of AB 1634](#)